

**REMARKS**

Claims 66-91, 98, 99, 101-113, 115-117, 332-340 and 347-349 are all the claims pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 98-99, 117 and 347-349 have been canceled. Therefore, on entering this Amendment, claims 66-91, 101-113, 115, 116 and 332-340 are all the claims pending in this application.

For a speedier resolution of the case, the Applicants cancel the claims that are presently rejected. The Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications devoted to the claims deleted from this Application.

The pending claims have been indicated as being allowed.

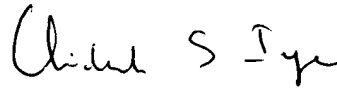
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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